

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE OF HAWAII
DOCKET NO. R-01-11**

Pursuant to sections 91-3 and 92-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), notice is hereby given that the State of Hawaii, Department of Health, Disability and Communication Access Board, will hold a public hearing to receive testimony on the proposed amendments and compilation of existing rules, chapter 11-218, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), entitled "Communication Access Services for Persons who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind."

The proposed amendments include changes to amend the Recommended Fee Schedule for Interpreters that is attached as an appendix to chapter 11-218, HAR. The proposed rules will also establish a continuing education program for sign language interpreters who receive the Hawaii Quality Assurance System (HQAS) credential and increase the HQAS test fee from \$200 to \$300, in increments of \$50 over a two (2) year period, to begin after the effective date of the rules. The proposed amendments may also include housekeeping amendments to the rules and amendments, deletions, or additions suggested by oral or written testimony.

A public hearing for chapter 11-218, HAR, will be held in accordance with the following schedule:

Date: May 17, 2011
Place: University of Hawaii at Manoa
Queen Liliuokalani Center for Student Services
2600 Campus Road
Ground Floor, Room 012
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822
Time: 9:00 a.m.

A copy of the proposed amendments is available for review at the address below, or can be mailed to any interested person who requests a copy from the Disability and Communication Access Board, or is available online at <http://www.hawaii.gov/health/dcab/>.

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Written testimony will be accepted until May 17, 2011, at the above address. Any person requiring a special accommodation (i.e., large print materials, sign language interpreter) is asked to call the Disability and Communication Access Board at least two weeks before the hearing.

PETER FRITZ
Chairperson
Disability and Communication Access Board